

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
TAKASHI KENMOKU ET AL.) : Examiner: T. Boykin
Application No.: 10/581,698) : Group Art Unit: 1711
Int'l Application No. PCT/JP2005/010999) : Confirmation No. 6953
Filed: June 9, 2005) :
For: POLYHYDROXYALKANOATE)
HAVING VINYL GROUP, ESTER :
GROUP, CARBOXYL GROUP,)
AND SULFONIC GROUP, AND :
METHOD OF PRODUCING)
THE SAME : July 10, 2007

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

A. Introductory Comments

Prior to conducting the examination on the merits, please amend the above-captioned application as follows.